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U.S. Magnesium, the magnesium-processing plant on the southwestern edge of the Great Salt Lake that employs about 450, received kudos Monday from the Utah Legislature for environmental upgrades that have led to a 95 percent decrease in toxic air emissions since 1996. Innovations at the mill, which used to be reviled as the nation's worst toxic air polluter, also have helped in a dramatic reduction of energy use at the plant. Signed by nine House and Senate members, the citation "commends U.S. Magnesium LLC for its commitment to excellence and pays tribute to their 'white-glove' facility."

UnitedHealthcare, which will part ways with University of Utah medical facilities this summer, is advising its members who want to keep U. of U. physicians that some of its benefit plans offer out-of-network benefits. According to a release from the Minnesota-based insurer, "This coverage enables our customers to access any hospital or physician of their choosing, at a slightly higher out-of-pocket cost for the same coverage." Last week, the University physicians decided to terminate contracts with UnitedHealthcare.

West Valley City's ClearOne Communications Inc. has installed audio conferencing equipment for the new New York City headquarters of EMI Recorded Music. EMI is using ClearOne's XAP 800 and XAP TH2 products in a boardroom and two conference rooms as part of the first phase of construction on the new facility.

FMJ ChemBio has been named the 2003 Visionary Award